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For: THIN-LAYER-COVERED GOLF BALL WITH
IMPROVED VELOCITY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby inform the Examiner of a pending litigation involving U.S. Patent No. 6,818,705 to Wu *et al.* ("the '705 patent"), in which the assignee has alleged infringement of the claims of the '705 patent against Bridgestone Sports Co., Ltd. The case is currently being litigated in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (C.A. No. 05-132). Specifically, the case is in the discovery phase and, it appears from the responses to specific interrogatories, Bridgestone is basing their invalidity arguments for the '705 patent on U.S. Patent No. 5,980,396 and U.S. Patent No. 5,929,171. Both of these references are of record in the present case.

With regard to the lined references on the returned Form PTO-1449 (submitted with the IDS filed August 30, 2004), Applicants submit a current form PTO-1449 listing these references and accounting for any errors in the previous Form PTO-1449. In particular, the foreign references lined out by the Examiner appear on the current Form PTO-1449, with the exception of GB 2,291,817, the previous inclusion of which appears to be the result of a clerical error. Copies of these reference are submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the attached Form PTO-1449.

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A fee of \$180 is believed to be due for this submission, since it is being made following receipt of a first Office Action, but before issuance of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Should any additional fees be required, however, please charge such fee to Bingham McCutchen LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0395.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| | AA | GB 2,278,609 | 7/12/94 | United Kingdom | | | |
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OTHER REFERENCES

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